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FROM: AA/Director

SUBJECT: Invitation to Atlas AC-167 Launch, June 30, 2004

International Launch Services, Inc., and Lockheed Martin will host several events surrounding the Atlas 2AS launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 and July 1, 2004. Along with the launch itself, this event includes a tour and a celebration brunch. In addition, each guest will be given a commemorative flag, coin, champagne glass, baseball hat, and poster. The estimated cost of these items is $53.35 per person. This event will be attended by approximately 600 guests, including officials from other Federal agencies and the White House, members of Congress and their staff, representatives of the space industry, and Florida and Colorado state officials. This is a significant event as it is the final Atlas 2AS rocket with that will be launched and the last Atlas planned to be launched from Pad 36A. I have determined it to be in the best interest of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this launch to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

This event is a "widely attended gathering." In accordance with 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, and 14 C.F.R. §1207.103, Designation of Responsible Officials, I have determined it is in the Government's best interest for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities as representatives of NASA. NASA's ongoing interest in space vehicles and launches and in the dissemination of information about its activities outweighs the concern that free attendance at this event may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA invitees may attend this event.

for
James W. Kennedy
Agency Designee

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